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Application No.: 09/885,439

Group Art Unit: 1743

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Title:

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FOCUSING SOLUTES

IN AN ELECTRIC FIELD GRADIENT

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Seattle, Washington 98101

December 21, 2001

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. **Amendment Transmittal**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims		Highest						
	Remaining		Number						
	After	Previously		Present				Additional	
	Amendment		Paid For		Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims	17	_	69	=	0	Х	9	=	0
Independent Claims	7	-	7	=	0	X	42	=	0
	TOTAL								\$0

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

In the Specification:

Please amend the section beginning on page 1, line 3 entitled Cross-Reference to Related Application as follows:

Cross-References to Related Applications

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/306,645, filed May 6, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,277,258 B1, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the priority of the filing date of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/084,505, filed May 6, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 47, 57, and 64 as follows, cancel Claims 6, 7, 9-16, 18-46, 52-56. 59-62, and 65-68, and add new Claims 70-77 as shown below:

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